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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Ming-Qun Xu EXAMINER: W. Moore
APPLICATION NO.: 09/786,009 GROUP: 1652
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The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add after the title and before "Background to the
Invention"

--CROSS-REFERENCE

This Application is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application
Serial No. 09/249,543 filed February 12, 1999 which is a
Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/811,492